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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: (A) MANILA 581 (B) MANILA 912 (C) MANILA 20029
(1976) (D) STATE 279838 (1976) (E) BANGKOK 22884 (1976)

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO
TEXTILE EXPORT BOARD CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED REFTELS
(A), (B) AND (C) CONCERNING PENDING AMENDMENT TO U.S. -
PHILIPPINE BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

2. REGARDING NEW LEVELS OF RESTRAINT FOR CATEGORY 221 (REF
(C), PARAS 1-3): U.S. NOTE (REF (D)), BASED ON AUGUST 1976
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DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP, PROPOSES A SPECIFIC LIMIT FOR
CATEGORY 221 N.T. OF 52,022 DOZ. THIS WAS ARRIVED AT
BY TRANSFERRING 77,000 DOZ. OUT OF CATEGORY 221 T. (CHILDREN
SIZES) IN EXCHANGE FOR 33,000 DOZ. (ADULT SIZES) TO BE
ADDED TO ORIGINAL CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 19,022 DOZ. FOR
FIRST AGREEMENT YEAR. APPLYING 7 PERCENT ANNUAL GROWTH TO
THIS LEVEL, SECOND (CURRENT) YEAR LEVEL FOR 221 NT WOULD BE

55,664 DOZEN, AND THIRD YEAR LEVEL, 59,560 DOZEN. THESE FIGURES ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PRESENTED BY GOP (REF (C)) WITH EXCEPTION OF FIRST YEAR, WHICH WE ASSUME IS ARITHMETICA ERROR ON GOP PART.

3. REDUCTION IN LEVEL FOR 221 T; MERGER OF 42/43/62 PART; TRANSFER OF YARDAGE FOR 224 PART (KNIT TOPS) NT FROM 224 PART (OTHER) HT (PARAS 1 AND 2 REF (A)): EMBASSY'S STATEMENTS TO TEB REPORTED PARA 2 REF (A) ARE CORRECT. EMBASSY SHOULD CONFIRM TO TEB THAT USG POSITION REMAINS AS STATED. YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT USG WOULD NOT EVEN HAVE CONSIDERED TRANSFER FROM CHILDREN'S TO ADULT SIZES IN CATEGORY 221 ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS.

4. NEW LEVEL FOR 218/219/224 PART (KNIT TOPS) (REF (A), PARA 1 (C); REF (B)). TEB FIGURES FOR 218 AND 219 CONVERSIONS (REF (A) ARE CORRECT; FIGURES IN POUNDS CITED BY GOP FOR 224 PART (KNIT TOPS) ALSO CORRECT. HOWEVER, CONVERSION FACTOR OF 1.74 POUNDS PER DOZEN IS FOR 224 T-CHILDRENS WHILE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN NT-ADULT SIZES. CONVERSION FACTOR FOR 224 NT IS 7.8 LBS PER DOZEN; IF TRANSFER WERE CALCULATED ON BASIS OF CONVERSION FACTOR, THIS WOULD RESULT IN TRANSFER OF ONLY 27,791 DOZEN. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO GIVE PHILIPPINES YFEATEST POSSIBLE BENEFIT FROM TRANSFER, U.S. USED CUSTOMS DATA ON EXACT NUMBER OF DOZEN OF IMPORTS IN TSUSA'S 382.0455 AND 382.7879. THIS FIGURE IS 107,643 DOZEN: WHEN ADDED TO LEVELS FOR 218 AND 219, THIS RESULTS IN LIMIT OF 530,438 DOZEN FOR 218/218/224 PART (KNIT TOPS).
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5. NEW LEVEL FOR 224 PART (OTHER) NT: (REF (C), PARA 2 REF (A) U.S. AGREED TO TRANSFER EQUIVALENT OF 400,000 DOZEN FROM 224 PART (OTHER) T TO 224 PART (OTHER) NT. ORIGINAL LEVEL FOR 224 PART (OTHER) NT IS 384,615 POUNDS, WITH SUBLIMITS OF 100,000 POUNDS EACH FOR SUITS AND SUIT-TYPE COATS. EQUIVALENT OF 400,000 DOZEN IS 696,000 POUNDS; THIS WAS ADDED TO LIMIT OF 384,615 POUNDS AND 216,775 POUNDS SUBTRACTED FOR TRANSFER OF KNIT TOPS TO NEW CATEGORY 218/219/224 PART, RESULTING IN NEW LIMIT OF 863,840 POUNDS FOR 224 PART (OTHER) NT. SUBLIMITS FOR SUITS AND SUIT-TYPE COATS REMAIN THE SAME.

6. CO;ERSION FACTORS FOR MERGED CATEGORIES: FOR ALL MERGED CATEGORIES, CONVERSION FACTORS AS ESTABLISHED IN AGREEMENT WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR EACH COMPONENT OF THE MERGED CATEGORY.

7. TSUSA 380.0002 SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN 62 PART (KNIT

TOPS).

8. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO AMEND US
NOTE AND TO ADD TSUSA 382.002 TO DEFINITION OF 62
PART (KNIT TOPS). PLEASE INFORM DEPT. TELEGRAPHICALLY
WHEN NOTES ARE EXCHANGED.
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